

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 7.42 REPTILES AND  
RELEVANT DEFINITIONS

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Commission has recommended the following amendments to the Bloomington Municipal Code:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 7.01.010 Definitions shall be amended to add the following definition:

"Reptile" means any air-breathing vertebrate of the class Reptilia with the exception of:

- a) any reptile on the Federal Endangered or Threatened Species list or on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species List, Appendix 1, as amended;
- b) any venomous reptile, including front or rear-fanged reptiles;
- c) any python of a species which naturally exceeds twelve feet (12') in length;
- d) all crocodilians, including alligators, caimans, and crocodiles;
- e) monitor lizards; and
- f) anacondas

"Domestic Animal" shall be amended to include

reptile (reptilia) as defined herein.

SECTION 2. Title 7 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be amended to add the following Chapter 7.42 Reptiles.

Sections:

7.42.010	Registration - Pet Shops
7.42.020	Registration - Others
7.42.030	Registration - Changes in Harboring Address
7.42.040	Lost or Impounded Reptiles
7.42.050	Violations

7.42.010 Registration - Pet Shops. (a) Any pet shop intending to harbor, sell, trade, or in any way distribute reptiles within the City of Bloomington must register with the Animal Shelter, in writing, of such intention before any reptiles may be harbored, sold, traded, or distributed.

(b) Any pet shop harboring, selling, trading or in any way distributing reptiles within the City of Bloomington shall make available for inspection by the Animal Shelter, an inventory of the number and type of reptiles received, the number and type distributed by sale, trade, death or in any other manner, and the number and type on hand.

(c) Whenever any pet shop sells, trades or in any way distributes an exotic snake (not native to the United States) within the City of Bloomington, it shall complete a form provided by the Animal Shelter constituting of the type of exotic snake, the person taking possession of the snake and the address where the snake will be harbored. There will be no fee for said registration.

7.42.020 Registration - Others. Any person harboring an exotic snake within the City of Bloomington who acquired the snake from any source other than a registered pet shop, must register the snake with the Animal Shelter. Such registration shall consist of the name of the owner and the address where the snake will be harbored. There will be no fee for said registration.

7.42.030 Registration - Changes in Harboring Address. It shall be the responsibility of each owner of an exotic snake, to inform the Animal Shelter whenever the address at which a snake is being harbored changes for any reason. These reasons include, but are not limited to: death, loss, sale, transfer, or if the owner of the snake moves.

7.42.040 Lost or Impounded Reptiles. Lost reptiles shall be impounded and released to the registered owner or disposed of in accordance with 7.32.030 and 7.32.040, provided however, that any non-poisonous species native to Indiana shall be presumed wild and released to a natural habitat.

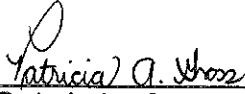
7.42.050 Violations. (a) any animal control officer may issue to any person in violation of this Chapter a notice of ordinance violation. The penalty established in subsection (b) may, at the discretion of the animal owner, be paid to the authorized agency within seventy-two hours in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event that such payment is not made within the period prescribed, proceedings shall be filed in the county court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) Persons who violate any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars for the first offense, with the fine for each subsequent offense of this Chapter increasing by an increment of ten dollars. In the event the person has no additional violations of this Chapter for a period of twelve consecutive months, the fine for any violation of this Chapter after that period shall be ten dollars for the first offense, with the fine for each subsequent offense increasing by an increment of ten dollars.

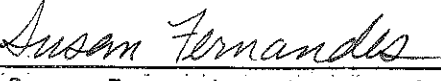
SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid part, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor, and promulgation as required by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5th day of June, 1985.

  
Patricia Gross, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

  
Susan Fernandes, Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 6 day of June, 1985.

Susan Fernandes

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SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 6 day of June, 1985.

Tomilea Allison

Tomilea Allison, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance amends the Bloomington Municipal Code to provide regulations for registration and possession of certain reptiles within the City.

6/10/85 Signed copies  
1. Animal Control  
2. Legal  
3. Pass Pets  
4. Pet Parade

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